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Shortages of materials.

1. The situation in the Repair Shipyard in Gdynia in regard to shortages of materials has worsened. The most acute shortages are of cables and electric wires, either rubber or lead insulated. Electric bulbs, supplied by Polish producers, were rejected by the technical control commission because the electric current passes through the insulator in the bulb necks. Most of the electric sockets (oprawki) and switches (kontakty) supplied are unfit because of faulty production.

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Increased control in use of non-ferrous metals.

3. Due to the continuous shortage of non-ferrous metals, stricter control of their use has been enforced. Allocations of these metals are limited to the barest essentials for completing an order. Due to errors made in calculations, deliveries are often insufficient, and the red tape through which each application for non-ferrous metals passes in order to receive the correct amount, slows down production considerably.

Floating docks.

4. The two small floating docks allocated to the shipyard are not in use because they need a complete overhaul. This cannot be undertaken since the material for the repair, which was ordered in May 1953, has not yet been delivered.

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Repairs to fishing craft.

5. Fishing craft units which arrive for overhaul or minor repairs are not attended to because of the lack of materials and because all effort is concentrated on overhaul of merchant fleet units.

Shipyard personnel.

6. Relations between workers, senior leaders, and leaders are very strained because the key post men tend to throw the blame for delay in production on the laziness of workers rather than on lack of materials. The workers are discouraged, and openly boycott many regulations, especially all kinds of meetings and political meetings because these take them off work and lessen their daily earnings.

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